

REMARKS

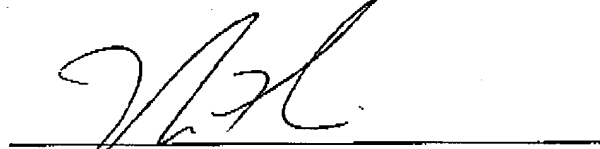
Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. This Supplemental Amendment includes amendments to claims 9-11, 22, 24-28, 30 and 42 to correct antecedent basis issues. The above amendments are supported by the Specification as filed and the arguments and remarks in response to the Office Action of May 3, 2004 stand as previously filed. Accordingly, no new matter is added.

If there are any additional fees due in connection with this communication, please charge our deposit account no. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR & ZAFMAN LLP

Dated: Sept. 10, 2004



Tarek Fahmi

Reg. No. 41,402

12400 Wilshire Blvd.
Seventh Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90025-1026
(408) 947-8200